STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN DANNY K. DAVIS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL WORKFORCE, POSTAL SERVICE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

H. Res. 1073, a bill expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation During Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr./Madame Speaker, the week of May 5th through May 11th, 2008 marks the 24th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). PSRW is a week set aside to commemorate the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice made by our Nation's federal, State and local government employees. I am proud to once again introduce this resolution honoring public service and public servants.

Public Service Recognition Week offers an opportunity for all Americans to both recognize and learn about the significant contributions public sector employees make on a daily basis to our local communities, states, and country. Whether fighting crime, educating future generations, or serving on the front line to protect our nation, public servants touch every aspect of our lives.

While Public Service Week lasts only seven days, I believe that the contributions and sacrifices of public servants ought to be recognized and appreciated throughout the entire year. By honoring public servants we show younger generations the importance of public service and inspire them to consider entering the field, whether on the federal, State, or local level of government.

We, as a nation, have a responsibility to honor the commitment of government employees and to recognize that our country runs on their diligence and hard work. The commemoration of Public Service Recognition Week stands as a reminder to every citizen that the sacrifices and contributions made by American public employees is what makes our country a more perfect union and our government one that is truly of the people, for the people and by the people.